GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LIST OF SCHEDULED TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of Scheduled Tribes as on October 1, 2001;

(b) the criteria for identification of Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the criteria adopted for deleting the name of a tribe ftom the list?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SRRI JUAL ORAM)

(a): List of Scheduled Tribes of different States and UTs are contained in the Manual of Election Lawbrought out by the Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs.

(b): The criteria for identification of Scheduled Tribes are : indications of primitive traits; distinctive culture;geographical isolation; shyness of contact with the community at large; and backwardness.

(c): When the concerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for SCs and STscome to the conclusion that a particular Scheduled Tribe no longer answer the prescribed criteria, then name of that tribe can be deleted by an Act of Parliament as laid down in Clause (2) of Article 342 of the Constitution of India.